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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Finow AirfieldEVALUATION 50X1-HUM

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 1 and 13 May 1952, soldiers of the Unit Boldowski which was stationed at Finow airfield made purchases in Finow. (1) Jeeps observed on this occasion

2. At 4:30 p.m. on 4 May, about 20 crates, each about 4 x 2 x 2 meters and covered with roofing paper, were observed along the railroad line between the field and Finow railroad station. (2) The crates seemed to be old and frequently used. On the same day, nine railroad tank cars stood on the spur track of the field.

3. Between 8 and 10 a.m. on 7 May, there was local flying by about 10 jet fighters. The planes remained aloft for about 10 minutes. The sky was slightly cloudy. Between 10 a.m. and noon, take-offs were made in elements of two, with distance of about 20 meters between the individual planes. The flights lasted about 20 minutes. Between noon and 3 p.m.,

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 Flying was discontinued about 3 p.m. In the afternoon the weather became hazy and there were rain showers. Between 8 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on 8 May, jet fighters practiced flying in elements of two. The weather was fair. There was no flying in the afternoon. Between 8 and 11:30 p.m., jet fighters took off individually and circled the field. (3) On 9 May, jet fighters practiced flying in elements of two. It gradually began to rain. No air activity was observed on 11 May. Throughout the day on 12 May, there was formation flying in flights at an altitude of about 1,000 meters.

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4. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included: tank truck , sedans and trucks

5. From 19 to 21 May, there was flying at the field. On 22 May, no flights were observed. Six single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and 23 swept-back jet fighters, including five were counted at the field. (4) another 19 swept-back jet fighters and 12 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were stationed there.

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Comments.

- (1) The name is reported from Finow for the first time. The unit concerned is probably a supply unit of the field. 50X1-HUM
- (2) The reported size indicates that the crates are used for the transportation of turbo jet engines. The arrival of these crates was not observed. [redacted] the crates seemed to be old, it is possible that they were previously stored somewhere else and were now made ready for dispatch. 50X1-HUM
- (3) The observation on night flying activity is noteworthy since it indicates that the two new fighter regiments at Finow airfield progressed in their status of training.
- (4) [redacted]

an estimated total of 50 to 60 MIG-15s are stationed at Finow airfield including the previously observed 24 planes which recently arrived there. It is possible that some of the reported single-engine, low-wing monoplanes are actually jet planes as the number of conventional aircraft is unusually high. 50X1-HUM

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